

18726. DOLICHOS LUBIA.

From Paris, France. Received through Messrs. Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co., June 22, 1906.

18727 to 18749.

From Bahama Islands, British West Indies. Collected by Mr. P. J. Wester in April, 1906.

A collection of plants, seeds, and cuttings thought to be of value in the subtropical region of Florida, either as economics or ornamentals, the proximity to the Bahamas and nearly similar climatic conditions making it very probable that these introductions will thrive well in the vicinity of Miami, where they have been planted in the Subtropical Laboratory and Garden.

The accompanying notes are by Mr. Wester.

18727. CITRUS DECUMANA.**Pomelo.**

"Mr. Flagler is reported to have said that he ate better pomelos in the Bahamas, from seedling trees, than any that he tasted in Florida. Upon inquiry it was found that some of this fruit had been supplied by R. S. Johnstone, circuit judge, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, who, on solicitation, presented me with budwood from two seedling trees, the fruit of which he considered very superior. The fruit is said to be rather small, but very juicy and sweet." (Lab. No. 460.)

18728. CITRUS DECUMANA.**Pomelo.**

"Fruit said to be of superior value. Budwood presented by Judge R. S. Johnstone." (Lab. No. 461.)

18729. PERSEA GRATISSIMA.**Avocado.**

Johnstone. "Budwood secured through Judge R. S. Johnstone, who gave the following description of the fruit: 'Pear-shaped, but rather broad at basal end; skin smooth, thin; flesh yellow, almond-flavored; seed large; famous as the best avocado in the Bahamas. Ripens in August and September.'" (Lab. No. 462.)

18730. PERSEA GRATISSIMA.**Avocado.**

Largo. "Budwood presented by Mr. C. H. Matthews, from a large tree. He described the fruit as follows: 'Egg-shaped; very large, 3½ to 4 pounds in weight; skin green, very thin; flavor very good; seed small; ripens in August and September.'" (Lab. No. 464.)

18731. PERSEA GRATISSIMA.**Avocado.**

Grant. "Buds secured from a tree in Grantown, said by its colored owner to bear extra early fruit of good quality. The young fruits were well advanced in size for the season when the budwood was obtained, which seemed to substantiate the owner's assertion." (Lab. No. 465.)

18732. HIBISCUS ROSA-SINENSIS.**Chinese hibiscus.**

"Budwood secured from plants in the garden of Hotel Colonial, Nassau, New Providence. Flowers distinct from any of the forms seen in Florida; semidouble, very dark red with a purple tinge, making it a distinct acquisition." (Lab. No. 467.)

18733. VANILLA SP.

"Plants collected on Soldiers road, New Providence. This vanilla grows on land of a very rocky character with a scanty layer of soil. The vegetation does not exceed 12 feet, and the average height of a shrub is 8 feet. It was interesting to note that the foliage was very sparse, affording very little shade. The growth of the vanilla was exceedingly stocky and strong. In appearance the plant resembles the *V. eggersii* in Florida, except that the bract-like leaves of the latter are entirely absent in the Bahama species. The nodes on the latter species are also closer than those on the species from Florida." (Lab. No. 470.)